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Volleyball team ready for action

GREG BOWEN—
STAFF WRITER

When it rains it pours, at least when the rainmakers are MSU's women's volleyball team.

The Eagles trounced Austin Peay Saturday and claimed the rights to host the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for the third straight year. The tournament begins tonight when the top-seeded Eagles host eighth-seeded UT Martin Skyhawks at the 4,000-seat Wetherby Gym at 7 p.m.

The win against Austin Peay tallies 22 consecutive wins this season for the volleyball Eagles.

"I think a lot of our success comes from team chemistry, we've got a great group here," Head

Coach

Jaime

Gordon said "They get along tremendously well, but they also work their tails off."

Gordon said the success of the team can be summed up by the players' motivation and has not felt the need to push the team any harder than they were already pushing themselves.

Caitlin Clark, Ellie Roberson, Annie Gruensclaeager, and Aryn Bohannon, the four seniors on the team, provide leadership to the injury-ridden team throughout the season, Gordon.

Roberson said she thinks it's hard to come by a team comparable to the Eagles this year.

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Ceremony affirms cadet military duty

LANA BELLAMY—
MANAGING EDITOR

For MSU sophomore Jake McKay, joining the military has never been a question. Representing his country and protecting the United States' freedom is an honor he has been ready to bestow since he was a young boy.

On Nov. 3, 2012, McKay was finally able to show people the seriousness of his commitment to pursuing his military dreams during his official swearing in ceremony.

Battalion Commander Ryan Miller and Lieutenant Colonel Rob Mason performed the ceremony for McKay and his fellow cadets during half time of the MSU football game that day.

McKay said though he had signed a contract in August 2012 officially declaring militant status, the ceremony made this agreement seem more substantial and furthered the seriousness of his commitment to service.

"When you do that official handshake, it really makes it feel like you made a deal," McKay said.

Going onto the field, McKay said he experienced mixed feelings of nervousness, honor and pride.

"Honestly, I just felt awesome. I don't know how to explain it," McKay said with a laugh "When I went out there, I felt honor because all of those people were cheering for me and you get recognized as the future."

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Photo submitted

MSU sophomore Jake McKay and other ROTC cadets were sworn into the U.S. Army at halftime of the Nov. 3 football game. McKay said the ceremony only strengthened his commitment to the ROTC.

American Center to open in China

ALLI COLLIS—
EDITOR

Students interested in enhancing their global competitiveness to prepare for the job market may soon have a new avenue to do so.

MSU recently announced that the university's Office of International Education will open an American Center at Guangxi University in Nanning, China.

Guangxi University was selected as a partner because

MSU shares a long-standing relationship with the school, James Masterson, MSU director of international education, said. It has been one of the main study abroad locations for MSU students traveling to China.

"It's a school we've had a relationship with for over ten years now," Masterson said. "We accept their visiting faculty, visiting scholars. We send faculty to their university. Last spring we accepted six visiting students from Guangxi University, and

this current fall we have eight."

Masterson said the university was very enthusiastic about the coming American Center. Guangxi already has a Thai Center and other cultural centers on its campus.

The objectives of the American Center are to provide programming related to American culture using music, film or traditional lecture as the media, Masterson said MSU faculty will be encouraged to submit program session concepts, and

once accepted will go to China to work as a fellow in the American Center for three weeks at a time.

"The primary objective is to give Chinese students the opportunity to learn about American culture," Masterson said, "and to help dispel some common myths that the Chinese have of Americans. That is the goal."

The concept of an American Center has been in the works for some time now, Masterson said. A grant that would fund the project was available in summer

2011. However, the university in China did not have time to make all of the necessary arrangements to get the project rolling.

Masterson said he found that the same \$75,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State is available this year. After reworking the necessary paperwork, and making plans with Guangxi University, Masterson was able to secure the grant.

Masterson said the opening of

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Ky. ABC retracts report on MSU tailgate arrests

MARY ALFORD—
STAFF WRITER

Kentucky's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has retracted a recent report that investigators arrested several people for alcohol related charges on the Morehead State University campus.

Morehead State University officials questioned the accuracy of the report that dates back to last month's homecoming weekend.

Madonna Weathers, MSU vice president for student life, said she believed the university didn't expect the university to react to the false report.

"You know we are sensitive to that sort of thing, if we're doing something

wrong, we are the first people to police ourselves," she said.

The original press release said the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued 24 citations and five arrests, 11 alcohol related charges and three drug related charges, on the university's campus.

The charges were a result of a "targeted enforcement detail" conducted by Kentucky's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Targeted enforcement details usually collaborate with other law enforcement agencies at events where there are a high number of minors, along with an abundance of alcohol being consumed or sold.

The press release issued Oct. 30, was later retracted and revised to say the arrests and citations were issued adjacent to MSU's campus and occurred on Friday instead of Saturday. MSU President Wayne Andrews reacted calmly to the issue, saying the university appreciates the work of the Alcoholic Beverage Control.

"While these arrests did not occur on our campus, we are certainly concerned about the safety of our community. As a public institution, we take our responsibility in educating our students about alcohol and drug use very seriously," Andrews said.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control investigators typically monitor alcohol use

among the underage college students.

"The number of citations issued Friday demonstrates the need for alcohol enforcement strategies," Josh Crain, assistant director of enforcement, said.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control also recently made a raid adjacent to the University of Kentucky's campus, resulting in 66 citations and more.

Weathers said this was the first issue she is aware of in terms of alcohol being a problem at MSU tailgate parties. She said those arrested were not of traditional college age, although she said they could have been alumni.

MSU police didn't make any arrests that day.

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"We all work really well together and are competitive during practice," Roberson said. "This year's chemistry is as high as it's been ever."

At one point during the season, Roberson hurt her back and thought she would be unable to participate in any games that week. Thanks to the support from her teammates and coaches, she played in both games and won the National Player of the Week award.

"It was a true team effort and the way they supported me through that was absolutely amazing."

Roberson said. "It was a turning

point, we've been on fire."

Roberson, along with four others from the current volleyball team, can be found near the top of MSU's record book.

"It makes my job a whole lot easier with such a talented roster," Gordon said.

Senior Annie Gruenschlaeger, who leads MSU's record book in block assists, said she is going to miss the connections and moments she has made over the course of her college career.

"Just being able to play with these girls," Gruenschlaeger said, "that is what I'll miss the most. That and

winning all these games with them."

Since Gruenschlaeger's sophomore year at MSU, the volleyball Eagles have claimed first place in the conference every year for three consecutive years.

"I believe it is a special thing," Gruenschlaeger said. "We have our great fans, coaches, and of course, players to thank for the success we've had this season. I know they enjoy themselves, but the fans should know it means a lot to the team when they come to our games."

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McKay went on to say that on top of honor, he felt privileged to be able to serve.

"Not everybody can be in the military. I mean, some people just aren't up to it," he said.

Though McKay now describes ROTC as his major area of interest, his decision to join was not taken lightly. He said he had considered joining since he was a young boy and finally decided to apply for an MSU scholarship with the university's ROTC program.

"Growing up, I just always wanted to be in the military," McKay said. "In high school I was always thinking, 'enlist, enlist, enlist.' My parents weren't too fond of it. They thought I should go to school first, but then a guy named Robert Englert pushed ROTC. I found out that through the program you could go to college for free, and then become an officer when you graduate. As soon as I found out about that, I jumped on it."

McKay said the graduation of the country's number one cadet, MSU student Wesley Tudor, occurred during his senior year of high school. It motivated his decision to enroll at Morehead.

Through the ROTC program, McKay has a full-paid scholarship to MSU,

plus an army bonus each semester.

Overall, McKay said the swearing-in ceremony was an emotional experience for him and his family.

"I grew up being a mama's boy, so you can imagine. I know my mom is worried to death," McKay said. "She doesn't show it, but deep down, I know she does. And when I got sworn in that day, she just gave me the biggest hug and was just like, 'I'm so proud of you and I love you.' And my dad — on the day I sworn in, it was so emotional because they both just gave me the biggest hug and told me how proud they were."

McKay said he has been committed to following through with his militant service ever since he first joined the MSU ROTC program. When asked if there were risks of him giving up, McKay was confident this was no longer an option.

"I've come so far and I've put so much effort into it, that I would never give up on it. ROTC is my life and I would quit everything else before I gave up on it. School and ROTC are my top priorities. Why would I already quit now when I'm already there?"

Chi-O Follies 2012



Chi Omega sorority hosted its annual Follies event Monday night in Button Auditorium. Follies continues to be the biggest event held on campus each year. Various student organizations participated, helping Chi Omega raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Sigma Phi Epsilon was awarded the evening's best overall performance with their rendition of "Grease Lightening."

Photos by Alli Collis and Lana Bellamy



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the American Center is an important step for MSU.

"The direction that we're trying to move the campus into is one of internationalizing the campus or the curriculum," Masterson said. "International education is important for a number of reasons."

Masterson said U.S. college students are constantly encouraged to be globally competitive upon graduation, meaning they will need both good communication skills and the ability to work well with others. The American Center will provide the opportunity to tie all of this together.

Once the center is open, MSU faculty will face the challenge of presenting programs to an audience of Chinese students, in turn learning better ways of communicating, Masterson said. MSU students will be learning under these same instructors.

Because the grant will only provide funding for a year, Masterson said he is currently looking into ways to sustain the center. Though he has ideas on how this can occur, nothing has been determined at this point.

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EDITORIAL

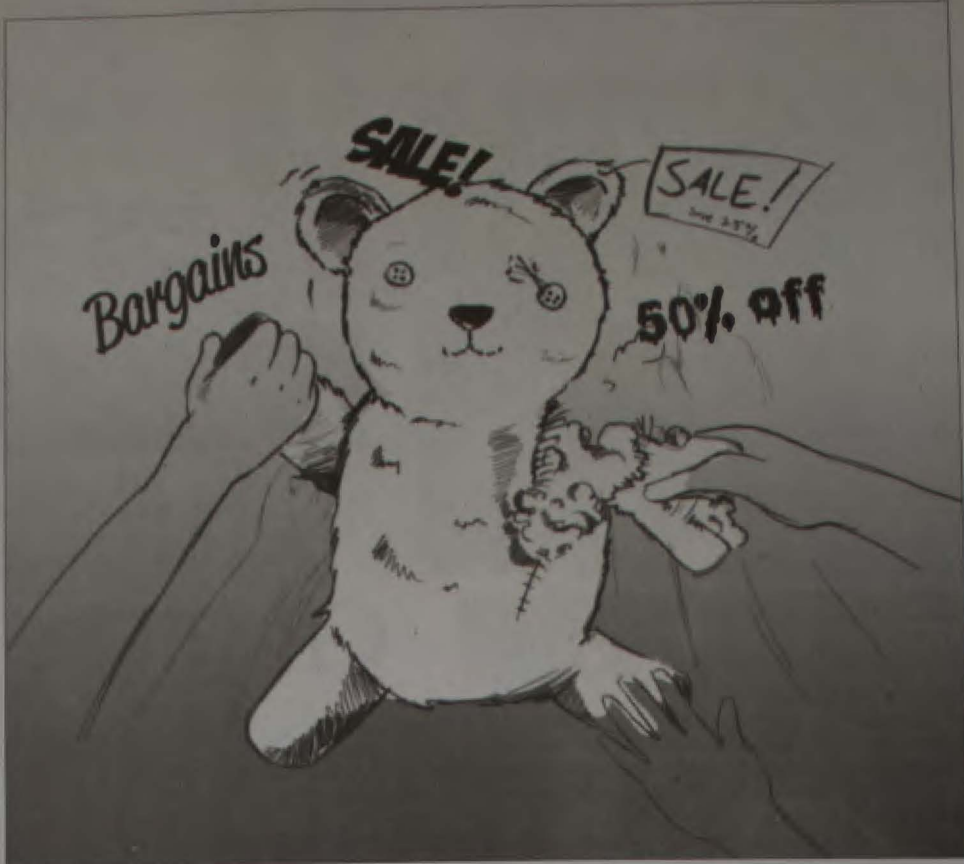
Secession claims unrealistic

As the excitement surrounding the 2012 presidential election begins to die out, new political drama is on the rise. Following Barack Obama's decisive victory, the White House petition website began receiving a series of secession requests from various states across the U.S., requesting to be given the right to withdraw from the union.

Most of the petitions that have been submitted at this point come from the most conservative of states, such as those in the Deep South. However, traditionally liberal states such as Oregon and New York, have also requested to secede from the union. At this point, more than 20 states, including Kentucky, and two of its border states, Tennessee and Indiana, have called for secession.

The petitions are built on the Declaration of Independence's stance, "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and institute a new Government." In the case of Texas, the state even goes as far to still consider itself a "republic," further pushing the concept of secession. However ridiculous this whole event may seem to most of the nation, the petitions submitted to the White House website may in fact have to be read. The White House promises to review all petitions reaching 25,000 signatures in 30 days. At this point, the state of Texas is well on its way to gaining that many signatures by its Dec. 9 deadline.

The fact that so many states have decided to create petitions requesting to secede from the union does nothing more than make our country look silly. Because all of this has unfolded following Obama's re-election the state's submitting petitions are a laughing matter, all seemingly sore losers. Instead of stirring up trouble with ridiculous threats to secede from the union, our state's time would be better spent trying to figure out how to work with our newly elected leaders to keep the nation moving forward. It's time to stop acting childish and start focusing on the future!



VIEWPOINTS

Fun holidays help morale



LANA BELLAMY
-
Managing Editor

The ever-popular No Shave November event affects virtually all males during the chilly autumn months. With its drive born from "Movember," where men would grow out mustaches during November to raise awareness for prostate cancer, it has now grown to such large proportions that hundreds

of people, whether they are raising awareness or not, refrain from shaving their facial hair all month.

Long and bush, to short and bristled - beards appear everywhere during this time of year. Some are patchy, some are peppered, some are luscious and others are barely fuzzy. No matter what the formation of hair, men proudly boast their facial hair growing abilities without respite.

As a girl who typically favors a clean-shaven exterior on men, my question is why would people want

to participate in this event? I could understand doing it maybe once for fun, but some men opt to grow copious amounts of hair throughout November and often for months after.

Nothing is more disgusting than seeing an evening's lunch debris stuck in the tangles of a scraggly beard. It's like finding leftover food in a person's braces.

However, I do see the fun in this random holiday. Men are always seeking opportunities to show off their masculinity and what

better way to do so (that is still socially acceptable) than to see who can grow the longest beard?

Random holidays like No Shave November are great ways to relieve stresses the college life boasts during otherwise stressful times. Regardless of my personal preference, or if you choose to grow your beards for awareness or fun, or even if you grow hair out of curiosity to see how long it can grow, just do it. Do it for the story, do it for pride, but in the end, just have fun.

Be part of the discussion

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or emailed to editor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication.

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CHARLI LOOTENS
-
Staff Writer

As the biggest shopping day of the year, Black Friday is known for its long lines, rowdy crowds and mass sales. However, during recent years, venturing out for Black Friday shopping has started to take on a dangerous quality. Each year there are more tales of shoppers stampeding, fighting and wreaking havoc.

Last year in Los Angeles,

a woman used pepper spray to subdue those around her in order to obtain a video game. Twenty people were injured, some were children.

In West Virginia, a man collapsed at a Target. Shoppers walked around him and in some cases over him and continued with their shopping.

The level of selfishness and greed is hard to stomach. If the whole point of Black Friday is shopping for Christmas, the season of giving, and other holidays, why aren't shoppers willing to give a few minutes of their time to someone in need?

People shouldn't have to worry about being injured while shopping, nor should they deny aid to someone who needs it. The Kentucky Good Samaritan Law makes it possible for citizens to give first aid to others in need without fear of legal retribution; yet shoppers refuse to help those around them.

Seems to me that in the same season dedicated to thankfulness and appreciation, greed, selfishness and gluttony rear their ugly heads more than any other time of the year.

A good way to avoid the dangers of Black Friday shopping is to partici-

pate in Cyber Monday, the Monday following Black Friday when Black Friday deals are offered online. Online shopping is a great way to skip the crowds and long lines, but still get a good night's sleep. In some cases the sales aren't only limited to one day. Many retailers are extending the sale lengths in order to obtain more business.

It's a shame that people have to resort to online shopping to have peace of mind during the Black Friday sales. People need to remember the true meaning of holidays instead of focusing on how much they can buy.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Do you plan to shop for Christmas gifts on Black Friday?



Mohammed Akrybayan
Freshman
Computer Information Tech.
Saudi Arabia

"Yes, I'm really excited about all the electronics."



Sarah Dyer
Sophomore
Elementary Ed.
Bath Co., Ky.

"No, because I don't want to be trampled."



Zachary Bates
Freshman
Undecided
Breathitt Co., Ky.

"Yes, all the sales should be exciting, along with the utter madness."



Brittany Stamper
Freshman
Exercise Science
West Liberty, Ky.

"No, I don't want to get run over trying to shop for items that will be just as cheap later."



CHI OMEGA FOLLIES 2012



Campus Calendar

Campus-wide Thanksgiving Service

Location: Button Auditorium
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012
Time: 7 p. m.

The Morehead Rowan County Ministerial Association, Baptist Campus Ministries, Methodist Student Center, and Newman Center welcome all students to a campus-wide service in honor of MSU's 125th anniversary. It will be held in honor of the university's many years of services.

International Week: International Music & Pot Luck Dinner

Location: ADUC Crager Room
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2012
Time: 6 p. m. - 8 p. m.

If you attend, it is requested that you bring a dish that will feed at least ten people. Music will be performed by the international faculty of music.

Student Programming Board (SPB) Holiday Tree Lighting

Location: ADUC lobby
Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012
Time: 4 p. m. - 7 p. m.

Children and students of all ages are welcome to come to the community event. Crafting booths will be set up in ADUC lobby, as well as the annual Christmas story reading by MSU President Wayne Andrews, and main event of lighting the Holiday Tree on the university's campus.

Music: Percussion Ensemble Concert

Location: Duncan Recital Hall
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012
Time: 3 p. m. - 4:30 p. m.

Theatre: Les Liaisons Dangereuses by Christopher Hampton

Location: Breckinridge Hall Lucille Caudill Little Theatre
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012
Time: 7:30 p. m. - 9 p. m.

The MSU Theatre Program will present Les Liaisons Dangereuses, a play by Christopher Hampton. Tickets: \$10, \$5 for seniors and non-MSU students, free with MSU ID to MSU students. Please contact the MSU Box Office for more information and tickets at 606-783-2170 or 606-783-9308.

Shaving holiday arrives at MSU

SARAH BECKELHEIMER—
STAFF WRITER

As the weather cools down and days grow shorter, students at MSU are looking for ways to keep warm. Lucky for men on campus, No Shave November, "NoShavember" as some call it, comes just in time to keep their faces warm in the crisp autumn air.

The only rule — no facial hair shaving for the entire month of November. It doesn't matter if someone decides to get a head start and have a shave-less October or shave their facial hair Halloween night.

Some who participate in No Shave November have beards year round.

"I look weird without my beard, not shaving sorta comes naturally," Ainsley Turner said.

Others, only have beards in November.

Senior, Nick Duff is participating in his first No Shave November.

"My girlfriend and her friend are the two people who encouraged me to do

it," Duff said.

Duff is usually clean shaven. When he does have facial hair, it often goes unnoticed because it is light in color.

"I lack the ability to grow noticeable facial hair," Duff said. "Nonetheless, I am optimistic that this will be the experience that wakes up my hair follicles for life."

NoShavember has been confused by some with Movember, an event where men grow out mustaches in November to raise awareness for prostate cancer.

There are websites dedicated to the month-long holiday including noshemember.com. The site provides readers with information on what to expect throughout the month and how to deal with beard related issues.

Junior, Brennon Marcum says he has participated in the event over the past five years as a tradition in his circle of friends. He said it is hard for some of his friends to make it through the entire month without shaving because of itching and other issues.

For many No Shave November participants, the name "crumb catcher" is highly accurate.

Ben Cole is a graduate student at MSU. He says he's been participating in No Shave November since his freshman year.

"Probably the biggest issue is figuring out how to eat things without getting them in your beard," Cole said.

"I have found peanut butter on my face periodically throughout the day," Duff said.

Although itchiness and finding food in their beards may be some people's biggest problems, Marcum says he faces an even greater issue.

"Insensitivity and prejudice can be perpetrated against bearded persons," Marcum said. "This anti-beard rhetoric normally climaxes at my family's Thanksgiving dinner."

There may be pains to maintaining a month-long beard but all the growers agreed on one major benefit: they are all experiencing a warmer walk to class.

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Volleyball reaches perfection: 16-0

Zac Vestring —
Sports Editor

With a 3-0 sweep over Austin Peay, the Morehead State volleyball team accomplished something only seven other teams in the entire history of the Ohio Valley Conference have done.

The Eagles finished their season with an unblemished conference record.

MSU finished their regular season with a 24-6 record, including a perfect 16-0 record in OVC matchups. The Eagles also ended season on the nation's longest winning streak at 22 games.

The Eagles defeated APSU on the road Saturday with a 3-0 (25-13, 25-22, 25-19) sweep over the Governors, who fell to 17-15, 10-6 for the year.

Senior Ellie Roberson led the Eagles offense with a team-high 19 kills. Leslie Schellhaas paced MSU with 15 digs, and Caitlin Clark tallied game-high 32 assists.

In the first set, the Eagles' offense took control early on.

Following two errors and an ace by Aryn Bohannon, the Eagles found

themselves up 3-1, and a 6-0 run pushed MSU to a 10-3 lead.

Roberson sparked the run with a kill, while freshman Courtney Smith followed up with three kills of her own, including the Eagles' 9th and 10th points.

MSU added to their lead with back-to-back kills from Bohannon and Roberson, along with a kill from Clark, putting them up 17-6.

An error by the Governors' Jada Stotts ended the first set in favor of MSU.

The second set started off the exact opposite of the first, as Austin Peay thundered out to quick 7-2 lead over the Eagles.

Back-to-back kills by Nikki Doyle and Laura Henderson gave the Governors a 3-1 lead, but three attack errors by MSU, coupled with another set of kills by Doyle and Henderson, gave the home team their largest lead of the set.

MSU fired back with a 4-0 run; cutting the deficit to 10-8 when Smith notched a kill, along with two aces from Lindsey Roth.

The Governors held their lead the rest of the set until Smith's kill sparked another 4-0 run for the Eagles:



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Head Coach Jaime Gordon was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Eagles to a perfect 16-0 conference record. Gordon previously won the award in 2003 and 2010.

Another ace by Roth, along with two attack errors by APSU, allowed MSU to sneak away with a 20-19 lead heading into the final points of the set.

Kills by Henderson and Stotts allowed Austin Peay to take back the lead, but an ace by Annie Gruenschlaeger and two kills from Bohannon ended the second set for the Eagles, who

finished on a 5-1 streak.

It was at this point that Roberson decided to take over the match. In the third set alone, Roberson tallied 12 of her 19 kills.

Right off the bat, Roberson tallied MSU's first four points via kill. Coupled with Schellhaas' ace, the Eagles held a 6-2 lead in the beginning of the third match.

The Governors closed the deficit to 8-7, but a service error and with back-to-back kills from Bohannon and Laura McDermott, pushed the Eagles out to an 11-7 lead.

Two kills by Roberson added to the Eagles lead at 17-10, but a 4-0 run by Austin Peay cut the deficit to just three points.

The comeback wasn't enough, as Roberson closed the door on the Governors in fitting fashion with two kills that ended the set and secured her team a spot within the OVC's history books.

MSU out-killed APSU 42-39 in the win, while forcing 18 errors on the Governors.

Henderson paced Austin Peay with 12 kills, while Doyle added 10.

Earlier in the week, Head Coach Jaime Gordon and seniors Roberson and Gruenschlaeger were bestowed with OVC honors.

Gordon was named the OVC Coach of the Year as he led the Eagles to a 16-0 OVC record, along with a national best 22-game win streak. It was Gordon's third time selected as

Coach of the Year after previously winning the title in 2003 and 2010.

Thanks to her season-record 460 kills, Roberson was named the OVC Player of the Year. Roberson led the conference in hitting percentage in conference matches at .341, while being named a five-time OVC Player of the Week this year. She totaled seven matches with 20 or more kills this season on her way to 289 kills in league matches.

Gruenschlaeger was added to the All-OVC Team after she finished with a career-best 296 kills and a team-high .294 hitting percentage. With 112 blocks, she led the Eagles and ranked in the OVC's top three in the category. Gruenschlaeger also has 389 career blocks, which ranks fifth in OVC history. She was also named Freshman of the Year and all-newcomer in 2009.

Morehead State enters today as the top seed in the OVC Tournament and is matched up against eighth-seeded UT Martin at 7 p.m. at Wetherby Gym.



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Ellie Roberson was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year. Roberson has tallied an OVC-best 460 kills this season, along with a conference-best attack percentage of .341.

Football falls to Toreros' offense

Lewis eclipses ten thousand yards in collegiate career

Zac Vestring —
Sports Editor

Amidst the perfect weather and sunny beaches, the Morehead State football team found little else likeable in San Diego on Saturday.

After winning their last two games, the Eagles (3-7, 2-5) fell to the University of San Diego 41-28 after the Toreros out-scored MSU 24-14 in the second half.

USD improved to 6-3 overall with a 5-1 Pioneer Football League record, thanks in part to running back Dallas Kessman's 190 yards and two touchdowns.

MSU quarterback Zach Lewis eclipsed 10,000 career-passing yards after completing 30 of 45 pass

attempts for 316 yards and one touchdown. Wide receiver Donte Sawyer caught a career-best 13 passes for 152 yards in the loss, and running back Reese Macshara added 75 yards rushing and one touchdown.

Quarterback Mason Mills was more than efficient in the game for the Toreros, completing 26 of 29 attempts for 229 yards and two touchdowns.

After receiving the ball to open the game, the San Diego offense quickly established that they came to play.

Starting out on their own 23-yard line, Mills and Kessman led the offense down to the Morehead five-yard line. One play later, Mills connected with wide receiver Reggie Bell for the game's first score.

Kessman tallied 24-yards on the drive, including a 15-yard run.

Ten plays later, the Eagles' offense answered back.

Following pass completions of eight and six yards by Lewis, Macshara added a 15-yard dash to the MSU 48 yard line. Lewis then connected on back-to-back passes to Sawyer, putting the Eagles in San Diego territory.

On the Eagles' next play, Lewis scrambled for 18 yards to the USD 20 yard line and then connected with Sawyer again for nine yards. One play later, Macshara took the handoff into the end zone from 11 yards out for the touchdown, tying the game at 7-7.

San Diego's next possession took them into the second quarter where the Toreros' offense failed to score, despite having a first and goal. A 20-yard field goal by Ernie Collins put USD up 10-7.

Just four minutes later, the Eagles found themselves in the Toreros' red-



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Wide receiver Donte Sawyer (1) caught a career-high 13 passes for 152 yards in Saturday's game against San Diego.

zone, but the offense failed to put any points on the board following kicker Rainer Duzan's missed 33-yard field goal.

With the ball on their own 20-yard line, it only took seven plays for San Diego to hit pay dirt for the second time.

On the first play of the

drive, Miller hit Bell for a 12-yard gain, and Kessman followed that up with a run and catch, both of five yards. Two plays later, Kessman broke a run for 38-yards into the Morehead red zone and set up running back Joe Ferguson's nine-yard touchdown rush. MSU quickly responded

before the end of the half with its own touchdown.

Three and a half minutes later, Lewis found an open Kevin Thomas in the end zone for a 12-yard touchdown, cutting the Toreros lead to 17-14 heading into halftime.

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The Eagles started the second half with the ball and did little with it after San Diego's defense forced a three-and-out on MSU.

On their next drive, Mills connected on three passes, setting the offense up at the Morehead 15-yard line. Two plays later, Mills hit wide receiver Sam Hoekstra for a 14-yard touchdown and a 24-14 lead.

San Diego added to the pressure following a 35-yard punt return by Hoekstra, setting up their offense on the Morehead 35-yard line.

After a four-yard rush by Kessman, Mills found Bell for an 11-yard gain into the MSU red zone. Kessman then took three straight handoffs, including a six-yard dash into the end zone, as San Diego furthered their lead to 31-14.

The Eagles then responded with their own touchdown run.

A six-yard pass from Lewis to Sawyer, plus an added 15-yards for a facemask penalty on USD, found the Eagles on their own 46-yard line. Five plays later Lewis connected with Sawyer for 42-yards, putting MSU on the Toreros own two-yard line. The next play, wide receiver Blake Stanley took the handoff into the end zone to cut the deficit to 31-21.



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Quarterback Zach Lewis completed 30 of 45 pass attempts for 316 yards and one touchdown in Saturday's game. Lewis has now eclipsed more than ten thousand career passing yards at MSU.

The Toreros added another touchdown and a field goal before the end of the game, including Kessmans' second touchdown of the game, a five-yard run that put USD up 41-21.

MSU earned their last touch-

down in the final minute of the game thanks to Thomas' one-yard run, but it was too little too late, as the Eagles fell to the Toreros 41-28.

San Diego totaled 497 total yards while MSU mustered up

a modest 410 yards in the game.

Sophomore linebacker Dillon Blackburn led the Eagles with a career-high 18 tackles including one sack.

Heading into the matchup, the Eagles were on a two-game win-

ning streak, the longest of the season.

The Morehead State football ends their season at home on Saturday for Senior Day. The Eagles will go toe to toe with Valparaiso at 1 p.m.

Woods earns first win as coach

Beats LIU Brooklyn in season opener; falls to Maryland Terapins

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Coaches often find that there is much to gain from playing a tough non-conference schedule, as it hopefully builds mental toughness for games down the road.

After Monday's road loss to the University of Maryland, the Morehead State men's basketball team can chalk up the loss as an opportunity to learn and grow better.

Morehead State (1-1) fell to the Terrapins 67-45 before a raucous Maryland home crowd of 8,724. Maryland improved to 1-1 on the season after pushing top-three ranked Kentucky to brink in their first game of the season.

Milton Chavis, who was named the Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Week the week before, led the Eagles with 10 points along with five rebounds on 5-of-11 shooting. Kahlil Owens paced MSU with a team-high seven rebounds while contributing six points respectively.

Guard Nick Faust led the Terps with 12 points while center Alex Len pitched in 11 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Charles Mitchell paced Maryland with nine rebounds.

Len, the 7'1 sophomore, scored 23 points against Kentucky and was the focus of Morehead's defensive plan.

"The plan was to take him away early," Senior Jason Holmes said. "Our plan was to front him right away and once we fronted him, he really wasn't putting up a fight."

The Eagles started the game 2-of-15 from the floor, which was just enough edge for Maryland to take advantage of and run with.

"We just weren't hitting shots," Holmes said. "We practiced here for a few days and we were shooting well, feeling good and they just weren't falling tonight. Sometimes it happens that way."

After Maryland scored the opening bucket, MSU's Angelo Warner nailed a three-pointer that gave the Eagles a 3-2 lead. It was the last time MSU would lead in the game.

The Terrapins then rolled out to a 13-5 lead on the Eagles, in which four different players scored for Maryland, including a three-pointer from Jake Layman.

Two free-throws by Maurice Lewis-Briggs cut the deficit to just seven at 16-9, but Maryland produced a 12-4 run, led by Len with four points, that put the home team up 28-13 with 2:36 left in the first half.

In the last two minutes of the first half, Maryland was shooting the bonus and was able to capitalize seven of their eight free throw attempts in that span.

A jump shot by Devon Atkinson ended the half with MSU down 35-19 going into halftime.

The Maryland defense held the Eagles to a dismal 27.6 shooting percentage while forcing 10 turnovers in the first half. MSU was 1-10 from beyond the arc.

At the beginning of the second half, the Eagles' offense appeared to wake up, albeit too late.

A layup by Drew Kelly got MSU going, as Holmes nailed a jump shot and converted the free-throw attempt after being fouled. Holmes then converted a layup as the Eagles quickly chipped away at the Terrapins lead at 37-26.

A three-pointer by Faust put the Terrapins up 42-30 and from there, Maryland held control for the rest of the second half.

With the score at 44-34, Maryland put together their best run of the game yet.

James Padgett converted back-to-back layups for the home team while Dez Wells added a three-pointer that pushed Maryland to their biggest lead of the game at 60-37.

In the last six minutes of the game, MSU was held to just four points, all coming from Owens. A layup by Mitchell and a converted free throw by Spencer Barks ended the game 67-45 in favor for the Terrapins.

Maryland held a 14-4 advantage in assists and 23-17 in bench points. Each team produced 20 turnovers but the Terrapins were able to convert 17 points out of the Eagles' miscues.

Both teams were solid in the paint, scoring 28 points each.

MSU finished the matchup

shooting 19-of-60 with a 31.7 shooting percentage while Maryland shot 23-of-47 for 48.9 percent.

Holmes is looking forward to coming home to Johnson Arena.

"It is going to feel good," Holmes. "We played that first game at Johnson Arena and I had a good time. It kind of had that big stage feel at home so I'm looking forward to it."

The Morehead State men's basketball team was also in action on Friday, on the road against LIU Brooklyn in both teams' season opener.

The Eagles defeated the Blackbirds 77-74 in which Chavis led the Eagles with 24 points on 9-of-16 shooting for the game. Atkinson added 13 points while Lewis-Briggs produced 12 points. Owens produced his first career double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Jamal Olasewere paced LIU Brooklyn with 26 points on 6-of-16 shooting while Julian Boyd chipped in with 19 and Jason Brickman with 12.

"We didn't finish it the way we wanted to but anytime you can come into a place like this and get a win against a team that hasn't lost a game at home in twenty-seven games, you'll take it however you can get it," Head Coach Sean Woods said.

As a team, MSU shot 46.3 percent from the field compared to the Blackbirds 42.4 percent as both teams fought a close match from start to finish with neither team gaining a large edge.

At the start of the first half, LIU Brooklyn took a 4-0 lead thanks to Boyd's jumper and

converted free-throw attempts. MSU quickly caught up thanks to Atkinson's shot from beyond the arc and then took a 5-4 lead with Drew Kelly's layup, his only basket of the game.

Boyd's layup gave the Blackbirds a 14-11 lead but a three-pointer by Chavis once again tied the game up for the Eagles.

"Our style of play suits Chavis' game and his athleticism," Woods said. "You're going to see a lot more of that in Milton Chavis."

With just a little over eight minutes left in the first half, the game was once again tied up at 21-21 until Chavis' layup put the Eagles ahead and then Owens added four more points to give the Eagles a 27-25 lead.

A three-pointer by Brickman gave the Blackbirds back out front for most of the first half but a three-pointer by Lewis-Briggs with four seconds left officially gave the Eagles the lead going into halftime at 38-37.

MSU shot 44.4 percent in the first half while LIU Brooklyn shot 46.4 percent as a team. Each team gave up 10 turnovers but it was the Eagles who capitalized, converting the 10 turnovers into 15 points. MSU ended the half shooting 6-of-13 from beyond the arc.

At the start of the second half, Chavis started the offense off with a dunk but the Blackbirds quickly answered back with four points of their own to gain the 41-40 advantage.

With 15:53 on the clock, a layup by Atkinson tied the game back up at 47-47, which started the Eagles biggest point run of the game. A jump shot by Atkin-

son and a layup by Lewis-Briggs pushed their lead even further but a three-pointer by Angelo Warner ended the 10-2 run for MSU.

LIU Brooklyn wasn't about to go down without a fight, as the Blackbirds slowly crawled their way back into the game. After Olasewere converted his free-throw with 8:45 left, they cut the deficit to just four at 61-57.

A jump shot by Chavis pushed Morehead State back out to a double-digit lead at 73-62 with just over three minutes left, which would prove too much for the Blackbirds to recover from.

The Blackbirds ended the game on a 7-2 run but it was not enough as the Eagles won their first matchup of the year in a nail biter.

"We got to be able to keep our spacing and play with more confidence to finish games a lot better than what we did today," Woods said.

MSU converted 23 points off of turnovers while LIU produced 17. The Blackbirds held a slight edge in points in the paint with 40 to the Eagles 38.

The Eagles win marks the first win of the Woods' Era in Morehead State basketball. Woods used 13 different players, including eight newcomers.

"That's how we wear teams down and I thought we did a good job of wearing LIU down," Woods said. "We need to continue to do that."

The Morehead State basketball team opens its home schedule today against NAIA opponent Alice Lloyd (Ky.). Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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